

TOWN OF ESSEX  
**Conservation Commission**

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**Executive Board**  
*Kathleen Tucker, Chairman*  
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*Richard Helmecki, Member*  
*Pam Bernardini, Member*  
*Adrienne Forrest, Member*  
*Vacancy*

**Unapproved**

SEND PAM JULY MINUTES

**Minutes**

Regular Meeting

**Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.**

Town Hall, 29 West Avenue  
Second Floor Conference Room B

The Essex Conservation Commission conducted the regular Meeting on September 4, 2014 in Room B of the Essex Town Hall.

**Attending Members**

Kay Tucker  
Pam Bernardini  
Jeffrey Lovelace  
Adrienne Forrest  
Richard Helmecki

**Absent Members**

Ms. Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Old Business**

**a. Trail Reports**

**Viney Hill Brook Park;**

**Trail Mowing, Japanese Knotweed, Broadwalk Drainage Pipes; Phragmite patches**

Mr. Lovelace walked Viney Hill Brook Park today and he stated that the trails were all in good shape. Mr. Lovelace stated that earlier in the month Mr. Lovelace, his son Jeff and Mr. Helmecki cleared the drain pipe in the small pond that drains into Quarry Pond. The pipe was clogged with roots and other debris. Mr. Lovelace reported that since, the area has dried up to the point where the trail is passable on foot. Mr. Lovelace stated that the Commission received permission to perform this regulated activity which was granted by Joseph Budrow, Wetlands Enforcement Agent.

Mr. Lovelace stated that the Japanese Knotweed was sprayed on August 26, 2014 and he stated that the tree still looks very healthy. Mr. Lovelace stated that All Habitat Services was in the area of Broadwalk and the Blue trail today treating the area for tick control.

Mr. Lovelace stated that in the active recreation area there is a concrete pad on which a structure has been constructed. There will be a roof but no walls. Mr. Lovelace stated that maps are needed in the various stations.

**Bushy Hill Preserve;**

**Schedule Trail Relocation or Pedestrian Footbridge Replacement**

Ms. Tucker stated that All Habitat applied another mosquito treatment on August 8, 2014.

Ms. Tucker commented on the replacement of the pedestrian footbridges which are out of position. There was a discussion at the August meeting on the option to either reposition the bridges or the possibility of cutting a new trail.

Mr. Helmecki stated that the trail relocation has been accomplished. Mr. Helmecki stated that he started removing some of the debris which has piled up around one of the bridges.

Ms. Tucker stated that the Commission will revisit the condition of the footbridges at the October 2, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting.

**Canfield Meadow Woods;**

**Schedule Tulip Tree Area Clean-Up**

Ms. Forrest walked an area of Canfield Meadow Woods and she stated that the foot paths are clear. Ms. Forrest stated that there are plenty of maps remaining in the various stations.

Ms. Tucker asked members to meet one day on the last weekend of September for a clean-up of the underbrush so the structure of the Tulip tree would be more clearly visible. Members will email Ms. Tucker with their availability.

**b. Discuss follow-up to request from Condominium Association for Vegetation Clearing**

Mr. Lovelace stated that there has been no activity before the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission related to the Middle Cove at Essex condominium for the mitigation of the phragmite.

Tamara Sutfin, President of the Middle Cove condo association presented before the Essex Conservation Commission at their August 7, 2014 meeting and indicated that the Association would benefit greatly from the support, input and assistance from the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Tucker reminded Mr. Lovelace that the Conservation Commission would like to coordinate with the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission and arrange for a site walk of this property.

**c. Other**

No other business.

**New Business**

**a. Discuss Commission's Annual Submission to 2013-2014 Town Report**

Ms. Tucker provided members with a draft of the Conservation Commission's 2013-2014 Annual Submission to the Town Report. Ms. Forrest will review the submission and provide suggestions for the final copy.

**b. Other**

No other business.

### **Review and Approve August 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The following amendments were made:

- Page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph; “Ms. Tucker stated that she would like the Conservation Commission to work with Bob Russo, Park and Rec Commission.”
- Last page; Approval of Minutes - Motion seconded by *Pam Bernardini*.

**MOTION** made by A. Forrest to approve the August 7, 2014 meeting Minutes as amended; **SECONDED** by P. Bernardini; **Voting In Favor:** J. Lovelace, R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, P. Bernardini, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

### **Inland Wetlands Report**

Mr. Lovelace reported that he recused himself from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses August 21, 2014 meeting related to the Essex Yacht Club proposal. This meeting was conducted to amend a previously granted permit to allow an accessory structure to be located 36 feet, 2 inches from Middle Cove where 50 feet was previously permitted. The IWWC granted an amendment to the Permit.

### **Correspondence and Invoices**

A letter from Essex Printing stating that they won in the International 2014 Premiere Print award which is a graphic arts competition.

### **Invoices**

There were no invoices.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by A. Forrest to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:26 pm. to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at the Essex Town Hall, Room B – second floor, 29 West Avenue, 7:30 pm: **SECONDED** by P. Bernardini; **Voting In Favor:** J. Lovelace, R. Helmecki, K. Tucker, P. Bernardini, A. Forrest; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary